

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

## A JOURNALIST AS PROPHET.

**GLIMMERS INTO THE FUTURE.** Suggestions as to the Draft of Things. By David Goodman Croly. 12mo, page 177. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

As Mr. Croly tells us in the introduction to this interesting little book, he had very good luck with a number of his predictions when he was actively engaged in journalism as the managing editor of "The World." He foretold in 1871 the panic of 1873, designating both the railroad and the banking house which led the way for the general crash. He also hit off very well the results of elections. After ill-health caused his retirement from daily journalism, he employed this exceptional knack in forecasting the future of business and politics in a commercial paper, with results that were often happy. This led to the preparation of this book, in which a great variety of themes is treated in a somewhat fanciful way, and without, of course, any pretense to infallible foresight, and yet always with a serious purpose. By way of modesty depreciating his own powers Mr. Croly sarcastically calls himself "Sir Oracle," and under that name holds dialogues with divers persons upon the outlook. After this colloquial fashion he discusses the future of our politics, of our foreign relations, and of marriage, the physical improvement of the race, the possibility of a universal language, the fate of the negro, the coming social war, and a large array of other topics. For example, Sir Oracle is alarmed at the defectionate condition of the country, and when the statesman he is talking with assures him that this is an era of peace, he replies with vigor:

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"Sir Oracle" makes many forecasts, encouraging and otherwise, but as a whole his philosophy is a cheerful one. He fears a social convulsion as the result of the growth of corporate power, the accumulation of wealth and the increasing difficulty of the poor in getting justice, but regards the spoils system as dead and looks to the Australian method of voting to purify politics. He dredges a social war when the cheap lands of the West are filled up and the readjustment of the relations of labor and capital can no longer be postponed, but believes the outcome will be good instead of apprehending the destruction of our civilization, as some of our gloomy philosophers do. He predicts that the race of milatoles will die out, and that the blacks will grow darker with each generation, fregular alliances with the whites being less common than they were in days of slavery. The United States will absorb the entire North American Continent, including the West Indies and the Sandwich Islands, but will find grievous problems to be solved in the assimilation of mongrel races. He does not expect a peaceful acquisition of Canada. His views upon the future relations of the sexes are less hopeful than many other branches of his philosophy. But the sun of it all is a frank optimism. Before the Christian era has doubled its present size Sir Oracle believes that the waste places of the earth will be utilized. Its population will be very dense; life will be prolonged, and marriage being under proper regulation, disease will be scarcely known. The whole globe will be under one Government, the labor question will be adjusted satisfactorily, and so will the relations of the sexes. Mr. Croly says on his title-page that the book is "to be read now and judged in the year 2000." It is obvious that this is too early a date to pass upon some of its prognostications, but this need not deter any one from reading them at once, for they are entertainingly set forth and are suggestive of thought.

## LITERARY NOTES.

A new novel by Captain Charles King will be begun immediately in "Harper's Weekly." It is to be called "Between the Lines."

There are only two copies of the first edition of Charles and Mary Lamb's "Poetry for Children" known to exist. Frederick Locker owns one of them; the other has just been sold at auction in London.

While people are talking about the large sum that Mrs. Burnett is to receive for a new novel, they ought not to forget that more than a century ago "Cecilia" brought Fanny Burney the sum of \$10,000. And it wasn't worth it. The price was of course based on the success of her first book "Evelina," which is as delightful now as it was then.

"Poems of Wild Life," edited by Charles G. D. Roberts, has been added to the series of "Canterbury Poets."

Henry Grattan's library has just been sold in Dublin. There were 50,000 volumes, most of them having marginal notes or interlinear scorings.

A descriptive paper on "The Inauguration of Washington, in 1789," which was prepared by Mrs. Lamb for the recent meeting of the Historical Society, will appear in the Christmas number of the "Magazine of American History."

Somebody visiting Stoke Pogis, the other day, was asked by two villagers who met him a-wandering if he wanted to see "the Egg." They knew nothing of where Gray was buried, but they could direct him to the Egg. It turned out to be the well-known cenotaph to Gray's honor, part of the poem being graven on it. This monument is evidently known in the neighborhood as "the Egg," and in time the natives will, no doubt, believe that Gray immortalized himself by erecting it.

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**THE PETROLEUM MARKET.** NEWS FROM THE FIELD AND RANGE OF PRICES.

The crude oil speculation has been so long in a stagnant condition that even its highest price movements have not been able to move it. The market is held by the vitality out of mind over one who believes that the situation warrants better values. The general feeling of disengagement was illustrated by Monday's market, when the price of oil was held down by a number of interested checked pending buying and gave the bears courage to hold prices down to 50 cents.

Oil producers' quotations being reduced a trifle on a deal business. The effect on crude, however, was principally negligible. A little before the market closed, the oil market opened on oil at eight cents in activity, due to Western purchases. There was a pro-rata movement from 84-3 cents to 84 cents a barrel. Carrying rates have been reduced to 10 cents a barrel, and the market is held by the buying of yesterday was mainly for long accounts. All the news from the petroleum kingdom is favorable to the market, and the steady decline now going on combines to facilitate any movement on the part of the market.

It is evident that the last two months, and this expectation will be realized. The market is held by the buying of yesterday, due to the better oil quotations in the centers. The cause of any advance in crude: the situation is so strong that reasons for the present low basis of values are not to be expected. The market closed strongly at practically best quotations.

The range of prices and the total dealings were as follows:

Stock Exchange, Consolidated  
Opening . . . . . \$1.44 . . . . . \$1.43  
Highest . . . . . \$1.46 . . . . . \$1.45  
Lowest . . . . . \$1.41 . . . . . \$1.38  
Average . . . . . \$1.43 . . . . . \$1.42  
Sales, barrels . . . . . 741,000 . . . . . 1,101,000

Refined oil ruled quiet, but quotations were reduced.

Crude oil quoted, but quotations were reduced.

Sugar barrels . . . . . 1,000 . . . . . 1,000

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